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AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF THE GOV-
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STATES FAITHFULLY DURING THE COLD
WAR

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OF THE

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COMMENDING THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF THE GOVERNMENT WHO SERVED THE UNITED STATES FAITHFULLY DURING THE COLD WAR

SEPTEMBER 17, 1996.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. SPENCE, from the Committee on National Security,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Con. Res. 180]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on National Security, to whom was referred the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 180) commending the Americans who served the United States during the period known as the Cold War, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the concurrent resolution be agreed to.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike out all after the resolving clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

That Congress hereby commends, and expresses its gratitude and appreciation for, the service and sacrifices of the members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel of the Government who contributed to the historic victory in the Cold War.

Amend the preamble to read as follows:

Whereas during the period of the Cold War, from the end of World War II until the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the United States and the Soviet Union engaged in a global military rivalry;

Whereas this rivalry, potentially the most dangerous military confrontation in the history of mankind, has come to a close without a direct superpower military conflict;

Whereas military and civilian personnel of the Department of Defense, personnel in the intelligence community, members of the foreign service, and other officers and employees of the United States faithfully performed their duties during the Cold War;

Whereas many such personnel performed their duties while isolated from family and friends and served overseas under frequently arduous conditions in order to protect the United States and achieve a lasting peace; and

Whereas the discipline and dedication of those personnel were fundamental to the prevention of a superpower military conflict: Now, therefore, be it

Amend the title so as to read:

A concurrent resolution commending the members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel of the Government who served the United States faithfully during the Cold War.

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The victory over the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact countries brought over 40 years of East-West confrontation to an end. This victory would not have been possible without the extraordinary effort and dedication of the men and women of the armed forces, as well as the civilian personnel of the federal government. These individuals served the United States with skill, dedication, determination, and discipline throughout the Cold War. They dedicated their daily lives to overcoming the challenges of the superpower confrontation, deterring a nuclear conflict, and winning a lasting peace.

House Concurrent Resolution 180 would honor the many military members and civilian employees of the Department of Defense, the intelligence community, the foreign service community, and other federal agencies whose personal commitment and sacrifices contributed to the victory in the Cold War.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

House Concurrent Resolution 180 was introduced on May 22, 1996. The measure was referred to the Committee on National Security and to the Committee on International Relations and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

On September 12, 1996, the Committee on National Security met to consider House Concurrent Resolution 180. The committee agreed to an amendment in the nature of a substitute that would make miscellaneous drafting and stylistic changes to the resolution as introduced. The resolution was ordered favorably to the House by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE POSITION

On September 12, 1996, the Committee on National Security, a quorum being present, approved House Concurrent Resolution 180, as amended, by a unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER COMMITTEE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,
Washington, DC, September 17, 1996.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I write with regard to H. Con. Res. 180, a resolution commending the members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel of the Government who served the United States faithfully during the Cold War. This bill was introduced on May 22, 1996, and was referred to the Committee on National Security, and in addition, to the Committee on International Relations and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. I understand the

Committee on National Security ordered the resolution favorably reported on September 12, 1996.

The purpose of this bill is to commend and express the gratitude and appreciation of the Congress for the service and sacrifices of the members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel of the U.S. Government who contributed to our victory in the Cold War.

The Committee on International Relations has closely reviewed H. Con. Res. 180, and has no objections to the resolution. Accordingly, in order to expedite consideration of this measure in the House, the Committee waives its right to take up the bill. I therefore ask that the Committee be discharged from its further consideration.

The Committee on International Relations wishes to make clear that the foregoing waiver should not be construed as a waiver of the Committee's jurisdiction with respect to any of the legislative provisions in H. Con. Res. 180 that fall within its jurisdiction. The Committee also wishes to preserve its prerogatives with respect to any House-Senate conference on this resolution and any Senate amendments thereto.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to strongly supporting H. Con. Res. 180 on the House floor.

With best wishes,

BEN GILMAN, *Chairman.*

FISCAL DATA

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee attempted to ascertain annual outlays resulting from the resolution during fiscal year 1997 and the four following fiscal years. The results of such efforts are reflected in the cost estimate prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, which is included in this report pursuant to clause 2(1)(3)(C) of House rule XI.

Congressional Budget Office estimate

In compliance with clause 2(1)(3)(C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the cost estimate prepared by the Congressional Budget Office and submitted pursuant to section 403(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is as follows:

Congressional Budget Office cost estimate

SEPTEMBER 16, 1996.

Hon. FLOYD SPENCE,
Chairman, Committee on National Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has reviewed H. Con. Res. 180, as ordered reported by the House Committee on National Security on September 12, 1996. The resolution would commend the members of the armed forces and civilian personnel of the government who served the United States faithfully during the Cold War. CBO estimates that the resolution would have no impact on the budgets of federal, state, or local governments.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Kent Christensen.

Sincerely,

JUNE E. O'NEILL, *Director*.

Committee cost estimate

Pursuant to clause 7(a) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee generally concurs with the estimate as contained in the report of the Congressional Budget Office.

Inflation impact statement

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(4) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee concludes that the resolution would have no significant inflationary impact.

OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

With respect to clause 2(1)(3)(A) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this legislation results from hearings and other oversight activities conducted by the committee pursuant to clause 2(b)(1) of rule X.

With respect to clause 2(1)(3)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this legislation does not include any new spending or credit authority, nor does it provide for any increase or decrease in tax revenues or expenditures. The fiscal features of this legislation are addressed in the estimate prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

With respect to clause 2(1)(3)(D) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the committee has not received a report from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight pertaining to the subject matter of House Concurrent Resolution 180.

STATEMENT OF FEDERAL MANDATES

Pursuant to section 423 of Public Law 104–4, this legislation contains no federal mandates with respect to state, local, and tribal governments, nor with respect to the private sector. Similarly, the resolution would provide no unfunded federal intergovernmental mandates.

ROLLCALL VOTES

With respect to clause 2(1)(2)(B) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, no rollcall votes were taken with respect to the committee's consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 180.

The committee ordered House Concurrent Resolution 180 reported to the House with a favorable recommendation by a unanimous voice vote, a quorum being present.